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FM AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE

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AMCONSULATE DOUALA BY POUCH

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FOR AF/C MS. HALL DIGGS

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: EQUATORIAL GUINEA - PETROLEUM EXPLORATION

REF: (A) YAOUNDE 921; (B) STATE 63477

1. I HAVE INFORMED EQUATORIAL GUINEA AMBASSADOR ESONO MICA OF CONTENTS REFTEL B. HE WILL INFORM MACIAS NOW IN BATA THAT AMOCO REPS WILL COME TO THAT CITY ON APRIL 4 TO PRESENT COMPANY PROPOSAL.

2. VISAS FOR E.G. CAN BE OBTAINED YAOUNDE APRIL 2 OR ALTERNATIVELY AT BATA AIRPORT. EG AMBASSADOR WILL INFORM PRESIDENT OF LATTER POSSIBILITY AND FORESEES NO DIFFICULTIES.

3. AS CONCLUSION OF CONCESSION CONTRACT APPEARS IMMINENT, BELIEVE IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE IN ANY EVENT FOR HUMPHREY AND HART TO COME TO YAOUNDE APRIL 2. I WOULD LIKE OPPORTUNITY TALK WITH THEM BEFORE THEIR DEPARTURE FOR BATA. THERE ARE TWO MORNING FLIGHTS TO YAOUNDE FROM
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DOUALA ON APRIL 2 AND TWO EVENING FLIGHTS BACK TO DOUALA

THAT SAME DAY.

4. UNLESS AMOCO REPS FEEL STRONGLY THAT MITHOEFER'S PRESENCE IN BATA IS NECESSARY, I BELIEVE IT PREFERABLE THAT HE NOT ACCOMPANY THEM. HE HAS PLAYED THE USEFUL AND APPROPRIATE ROLE OF ACCOMPANYING THEM ON THEIR FIRST TRIP TO EQUATORIAL GUINEA AND PRESENTING THEM TO PRESIDENT AND E.G. AUTHORITIES. IT BETTER THAT THEY NOW OPERATE ON THEIR OWN AS I BELIEVE WE SHOULD AVOID CREATING IMPRESSION ON MACIAS THAT US GOVERNMENT IS A PARTICIPANT IN NEGOTIATIONS.

5. AMOCO REPS MAY WISH CONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF FLYING TO BATA ON APRIL 3 IN PREFERENCE TO APRIL 4. APRIL 5 IS ELECTION DAY IN CAMEROON AND IT POSSIBLE THAT RETURN TO DOUALA THAT DAY, SHOULD THEY BE OBLIGED TO SPEND EVENING APRIL 4 IN BATA, MIGHT PRESENT PROBLEMS. AN APRIL 3 FLIGHT WOULD PROVIDE GREATER LEEWAY IN CONCLUDING AGREEMENT BEFORE WEEKEND, WHICH I PRESUME WILL BE THEIR INTENT. I ALERTED E.G. AMBASSADOR TO POSSIBILITY OF APRIL 3 FLIGHT WHILE STRESSING THAT PRESENT PLAN IS AN APRIL 4 FLIGHT.

6. FYI: AT PREVIOUS MEETING E.G. AMBASSADOR MENTIONED THAT MARTIN BILLET OF ARACCA PETROLEUM HAD PROMISED TO SEND SEISMOGRAPHIC VESSEL TO E.G. SOME MONTHS AGO BUT THAT NO WORD HAD BEEN HEARD FROM HIM SINCE DECEMBER. E.G. AMBASSADOR IDENTIFIED HIM WITH SOME ACCURACY AS A LAWYER WHO, ARMED WITH CONCESSION CONTRACT, SEEKING PARTNERS WITH FINANCING AND EQUIPMENT. END FYI.
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